

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to place the claims in better form for examination. Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Charles Gorenstein at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area in order to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION TO SHOW CHANGES BEING MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 5 and 6 as follows:

Claim 1. (Amended)

A conveyer-belt sushi control system[,], controlling sushi distributed by a conveyer belt, comprising:

a detection means for detecting an identifier distributed together with sushi; [and]

a counting means for commencing counting of an amount of sushi distributed by said conveyer belt, in response to a detection output of said detection means; and

an ordering means for ordering a foodstuff required for preparation of sushi based on the counted amount of sushi.

Claim 5. (Amended)

A [The] conveyer-belt sushi control system [according to claim 1] controlling sushi distributed by a conveyer belt comprising:

a detection means for detecting an identifier distributed together with sushi; and

a counting means for commencing counting of an amount of sushi distributed by said conveyer belt in response to a detection output of said detection means; wherein

said counting means calculates an amount of sushi prepared and an amount of sushi consumed by counting an amount of sushi going out of a kitchen and an amount of sushi coming back to the kitchen.

Claim 6. (Amended)

[The] A conveyer-belt sushi control system [according to claim 1,]
controlling sushi distributed by a conveyer belt comprising:

a detection means for detecting an identifier distributed together with sushi; and

a counting means for commencing counting of an amount of sushi distributed by said conveyer belt in response to a detection output of said detection means; wherein

said counting means includes
a first counting means counting an amount of sushi per identifier, and
a second counting means counting an amount of sushi per kind of sushi,
based on a counted result of said first counting means.